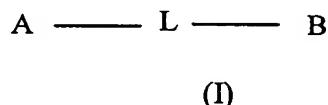


**ABSTRACT**

Compositions and methods of treating a retroviral infection in an afflicted host and/or inhibiting replication of a retrovirus involve administering a therapeutically effective amount  
5 of the following compound of formula I:



10 wherein A is a substituted or unsubstituted aryl compound, substituted or unsubstituted piperidyl, or substituted or unsubstituted thiophenyl; L is sulfonyl, sulfinyl or thio; and B is a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic nitrogen containing heteroaryl compound; or pharmacologically acceptable acid-addition and base-addition salts thereof.